

## (1) Recent Developments/ Currently:



- Critical voices within civil society have been silenced with long prison sentences, often including torture
- There have been no recent arrests, but also no dissenting views within the country
- UAE 94 – All remain detained even though many have served their full sentences

## (2) National Human Rights Inst. (NHRI)



- Composition ignores Paris Principles for NHRIs as most members are former police, security, or government officials
- Members on record defending government record and criticising HRDs as traitors
- NHRI has not acknowledged any violations by the authorities
- *Recommendations :Modify Federal Decree ...establishing a national human rights institution ... [that] complies with the Paris Principles [that]...require ... a pluralistic representation of the social forces of civil society and be independent of government agencies.*

## (3) Freedom of Expression



- In 2021 new laws maintained the criminality, even terrorist nature, of criticising the authorities or harming the UAE's reputation
- Effectively silencing dissenting voices
- *For recommendations. Please review see joint submission on "protection of human rights defenders" P. 13 and "Freedom of expression, media freedom and access to information" P.13-14*

## (4) Freedom of Association/Assembly



- UAE not party to ICCPR
- In 2021 new laws maintained prohibition on trade unions, political parties, and even certain gatherings of 5 people or more
- *For recommendations. Please review see joint submission on “Freedom of Association” P. 12 and “Freedom of Peaceful Assembly” P. 14*